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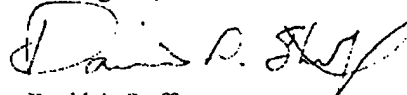
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Filed: May 10, 2001  
For: IL-17 Homologous Polypeptides and Uses Thereof  
Examiner: Dong Jiang  
Art Unit: 1646

Dear Sir:

This morning my legal assistant, Yea Afolabi, spoke with Examiner Dong Jiang to inquire about the status of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. Examiner Jiang indicated that she had not received an Amendment and Response, Fee Calculation Sheet and Notice of Appeal that we filed in that case on April 29, 2004 in response to the Final Office Action dated January 29, 2004. We received a date-stamped docket sheet on April 29, 2004 indicating that the PTO did indeed receive the Amendment and Response, Fee Calculation Sheet and Notice of Appeal. It appears that due to a clerical error at the PTO, these items were not forwarded to Examiner Jiang and may not have been docketed to the application.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Amendment and Response, Fee Calculation Sheet, Notice of Appeal that were filed on April 29, 2004 as well as the date-stamped docket sheet showing receipt of those documents by the PTO. Please docket the papers as necessary and forward them to Examiner Jiang so that she can proceed with examination of the above-identified application without further delay. We have already faxed a courtesy copy of the documents to Examiner Dong.

Best regards,



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Please acknowledge receipt of the following:

Amendment and Repose Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116; Fee Calculation for Enclosed  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2004. Consideration of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, including extension fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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